

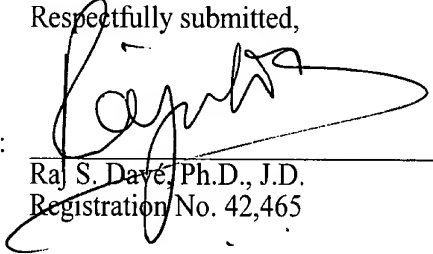
REMARKS

The Examiner called the undersigned today to inform that the USPTO file of the pending application contains no response to the Action of August 28, 2003. The undersigned explained that a response and a declaration were filed on October 23, 2003. The Examiner suggested that the response and declaration filed on October 23, 2003, should be re-submitted along with a copy of the stamped post card, which are enclosed herewith.

In light of this Amendment, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952**, referencing docket number 146712002600.

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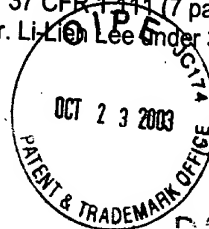
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Papers enclosed: 1. Response under 37 CFR 1.111 (7 pages)
2. Declaration of Dr. Li-Lien Lee under 37 CFR 1.132 (2 pages)



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